

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and constitutes an effort to use highly questionable propaganda to influence the presidential election. If the Sinclair Broadcasting group is allowed to order all of their stations to air this highly questionable documentary so close to the election it would constitute a clear abuse of the public interest and possibly a violation of the law. I urge you to look into this immediately and to determine whether the plans of the group are legal.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.